Condemned Man's Open Letter:

'Pray I Can Return'

Leslie Chapman, 2674 Millstream Road, brother of 19-year-old convicted murderer Robert Chapman, hopes to visit the condemned man Thursday.

Robert Chapman was convicted of the murder of another brother, John, at a Rosedale farm Oct. 16.

Leslie Chapman has been circulating petitions throughout the Greater Victoria area, calling on Justice Minister Davie Fulton to commute the sentence.

More than 4,000 Victoria residents have already signed the petition. Similar petitions are being circulated throughout Vancouver and the interior of B.C. by relatives and church organizations.

In an open letter, written in jail, Robert Chapman thanks everyone who is trying to help him, regardless of what happens to him.

"I loved and respected my brother all my life and I've always admired him for his ability in running Dad's farm," the letter says.

"After I left high school last year I wanted to leave home to join the RCMP but now my constant prayer is to erase this terrible nightmare and spend whatever time is available with my family on our very wonderful old farm.

"I often worry terribly about Dad trying to run the place alone and I pray with all my heart and soul that someday, if God is willing, I can return to help."

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$1,500 Boat Recovered Unharmed

Russell Tull, 1909 Shotbolt, was feeling a bit better yesterday. His $1,500 cabin cruiser, stolen some time early Saturday from Fishermen's Wharf, had been recovered—and in good shape.

The 18-foot craft was discovered at Canoe Cove, tied up and abandoned. Only thing wrong was that an 18-horsepower outboard motor had apparently conked out. A 12-horsepower inboard was all right.

Apparently the thieves planned their journey. Two five-gallon cans which had contained gasoline were evidently taken aboard and left there when the craft was abandoned.

"I'm going to leave her at Canoe Cove for the time being," Mr. Tull said. "She's for sale, anyway. Next boat I have will be one I can bring home with me."

Welsh Radio Elusive

LONDON (AP) — Authorities vowed Sunday to wipe out a clandestine radio transmitter that has been broadcasting Welsh propaganda all over Britain on a TV wave length.

Post office investigators in London said they are trying to pinpoint the transmitter. It has been coming on the air nightly after TV programs end. It puts out Welsh songs and statements by nationalist leaders urging independence for Wales, now administered by Parliament in London.

An official said, "The operator of this pirate radio is liable to a fine of £100 or three months in prison—or both."

Surveyor-General To Speak on Asia

Provincial surveyor-general G. S. Andrews will speak on "Southeast Asia" at the meeting of the B.C. Government Retired Employees' Association at 2.30 p.m. Thursday in the Blue Room, 1303 Broad Street.

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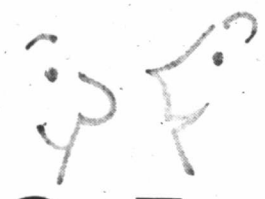

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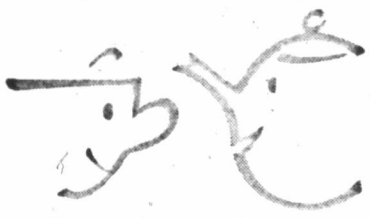

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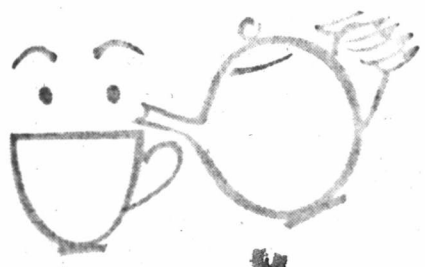

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